## JACOB WEED-ADMINISTRATORS OF.

MARCH 23, 1860.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

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The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the "petition of Hiram Horton and others, administrators of Jacob Weed, deceased," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That this is a claim for pine boards, said to have been used by the United States army in the year 1812, valued at \$421. This claim was presented to Congress for the first time in 1854, after its rejection by the executive branch of the government more than a quarter of a century before. This protracted silence, unexplained, does of itself throw a suspicion upon the character of the demand now set up; but, after a careful examination of all the papers submitted, your committee find no sufficient evidence that the boards were taken by authority of the proper officers of the government, if taken at all; and they therefore report the case back to the House, with the recommendation that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

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